Validating Kills

Immediately after killing a bear, a person shall validate their license by cutting out the appropriate information as instructed on the license. The license must then be attached to the bear's lower jaw. You may wish to fold the kill tag in half directly over a piece of wire or cord (after removing backing) before attaching the license to the lower jaw of the bear in a secure and permanent manner. The bear must be registered by the person who killed it within 72 hours of the kill.

Carcass Care

Bear hunting season usually occurs in warm and wet weather conditions. The carcass of a harvested bear can be up to five times larger than a deer, and the terrain over which the bear must be moved can be especially difficult. For meat of good quality, follow these important steps:

- I. Cool meat quickly (minimum 32-40° F) and age properly.
- 2. Prevent dampness (any waterproof covering must allow full air circulation).
- 3. Keep meat clean, and keep flies off.

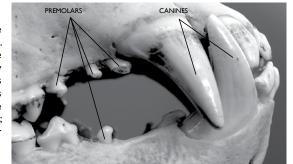
How Bear Hunters Help

The DNR collects a tooth from all bears and the reproductive tracts from female bear. The tooth is used to determine the age of the bear, and the reproductive tract is used to determine the reproductive condition of the bear. Gathered over a period of years, the information also can be used to estimate the number of bear in the state and whether the population is increasing, decreasing or stable. The tooth and reproductive tract should be collected at the time you dress-out your bear and turned in at the time the bear is sealed and registered. It is very important that a tooth is submitted with each reproductive tract. For more information on how to remove and submit the female reproductive tract, see www.michigan.gov/bear under Bear Hunting.

Tooth Collection

Bears can be aged using a microscope to count the number of cementum layers in cross-sections of premolar teeth from either the upper or lower jaw. The cementum layers look much like rings in a cross-section of a tree; each layer

The premolars are small, single-rooted, peg-like teeth located between the canines and the molars. A premolar can be removed by cutting with a knife in front of and behind the tooth and pulling gently with pliers. It is okay if some of the gum adheres to the tooth. The aging technique actually works better if the tooth is not scraped clean. The age cannot be determined from the tooth crown; therefore, it is very important that the premolar be removed with the root as intact as possible.



The tooth can be wrapped in paper (not plastic

or foil) or placed in an envelope and can be dried or frozen. Turn in the tooth when you have your bear sealed and registered. The age of your bear can be checked at www.michigan.gov/dnrlab after April 1.

Bear Hunting Reporting Option

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. All bear hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity, after their season has ended, at www.michigan.gov/hunting. These surveys are the same as those traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. Mail surveys will continue; however, the online reporting option allows all hunters to participate. Mandatory registration for all successful bear hunters is required within 72 hours of bear harvest.

Bear Cooperator Patch

Michigan's bear cooperator patch program is coordinated by the Michigan Bear Hunters Association, in partnership with the DNR. Young hunters, ages 10-17, who have a valid bear hunting license may receive a free patch. To receive a patch, please send name and complete address, along with a legible copy of the youth's valid bear hunting license, to MBHA, Bear Patch Program, 10510 Fairgrieve Rd., Johannesburg, MI 49751. To view the 2011 bear patch

Adult hunters, collectors and other interested individuals may purchase the patch for \$5, including postage and handling. You do not have to harvest a bear to purchase a patch. Send orders to the address above, and please make your check or money order payable to the Michigan Bear Hunters Association. Bear patches will be available until supplies are gone. Currently, the 2009, 2010 and 2011 patches are available for purchase. For information on the patches, contact the address above or email alimcv@yahoo.com.

Commercial Forest (CF) Lands

Nearly 2.2 million acres of privately owned forests enrolled in the CF program are accessible to the public by foot for fishing and hunting. Use of motorized vehicles for fishing and hunting access is at the landowner's discretion. The CF lands are not posted or signed as commercial forests and may be fenced and/or gated. The presence of a fence or gate does not prohibit public access to CF lands for fishing or hunting. The owner may restrict public access during periods of active commercial logging to ensure public safety. Other than foot access for the acts of hunting or fishing, activities such as (but not limited to) camping, leaving anything unattended (e.g. bait, blinds, traps, etc.), and damaging or injuring vegetation (e.g. cutting/nailing), require the landowner's permission. Commercial activity on CF lands is not allowed for any purpose other than forestry or oil and gas extraction. Legal land descriptions of lands listed in this program are available on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/gohunt under "Where Can I Hunt?" If you have questions about this program or specific CF lands, contact the nearest DNR office or DNR Forest Management Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909, or call 517-373-1275.

Wolf-Dog Conflicts

Wolves, like most members of the wild canid family, are territorial. Wolves will defend their territories and may attack other wolves, coyotes and domestic dogs that are in their territory. Most wolf-dog conflicts occur during the bear training and hunting seasons, which overlaps with the time wolf pups are using homesites. Wolf pups remain at these homesites until they are ready to travel with the adults - usually in early fall.

Dogs used for hunting bear are at risk of being attacked by wolves because they: (I) traverse large areas, which increases their chance of coming near or encountering a homesite; (2) are released at bear bait sites that also may be used by wolves; (3) bark while tracking, which may be viewed as a territorial challenge by wolves; and (4) are some distance from the hunters and therefore not protected by the presence of humans.

Avoiding Potential Problems

To minimize the conflict between wolves and dogs, it is best to avoid areas of recent wolf activity. Wolves will concentrate much of their activity around the den and homesites. These sites often are not used from year to year and can change throughout the summer. Homesites usually are forest openings or edge areas and often are near water. They can be identified by the concentration of wolf tracks, droppings and matted vegetation. It is best to do some scouting beforehand and look for wolf sign before releasing your hounds. Be especially vigilant when starting dogs from a bear bait site and make sure wolves have not been using the bait. If wolf sign, and particularly the sign of wolf pups is evident, move to another area before releasing your dogs.

- 1. Report all suspected wolf-dog conflicts to the DNR immediately to allow a timely investigation.
- Become familiar with coyote and dog tracks, so they can be correctly distinguished from wolf tracks. 3. Consider adding bells or beepers to dog collars - some hunters have reported this can reduce wolf attacks.

For information on dog conflicts with wolves, contact the Marquette Operations Service Center at 906-228-6561. To report a dog depredation, call the Report All Poaching hotline: 800-292-7800.

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Bear Registration Stations by County

At the registration station, an official seal shall be attached to the bear and information shall be obtained from the hunter. It is no longer necessary for hunters to surrender a kill tag when sealing a bear. An asterisk * next to the check station indicates limited staff and/or limited office hours. Hunters must call the DNR office or private cooperator **before** arriving to schedule an appointment.

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Baldwin

LUCE

Newberry

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906-658-3364

MACKINAC

JT's Taxidermy

906-477-6110

McNeil's Bar

Gould City

Naubinway

906-477-6048

MARQUETTE

100 Bensinger

906-345-0075

Cram's General Store

Gwinn DNR Office

LaPalme's Country

County Hwy 557 & 426

410 West M-35

906-346-9201

906-238-4231

DNR Marquette

Operations Service

1990 US-41 South

Van Riper State Park

851 County Rd. AKE

906-228-6561

Champion

Daggett

906-339-4461

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906-788-4255

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Powers-Spalding

906-497-5248

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248-634-0240

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MONTMORENCY

Atlanta DNR Office*

989-785-4251 ext. 5233

Muskegon State Game

7600 E. Messinger Rd.

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8100 Grange Hall Rd.

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J.J.'s Service

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21 Lake St.

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906-452-6236

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DICKINSON Norway DNR Office 520 W. US-2 906-563-9042

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906-932-3650 West Shore Resort N10960 Highway M-64

906-842-3336 1805 SYankee Springs Rd. Wild River Cafe 321 Fair Ave. Marenisco

906-787-2220 **GRAND TRAVERSE** Traverse City DNR Office 970 Emerson Rd. Traverse City 231-922-5280

McLain State Park

18350 Hwy. M-203

Twin Lakes State Park

6204 E. Poyhonen Rd

906-482-0278

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906-274-5548

101 S. M-129

906-647-4002

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989-539-6411

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989-386-3475

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Luckey's Sport Shop

616-794-2658

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Pine Stump Junction Porcupine Mtns. State 23583 County Rd. 407 Park M-107 & South Boundary Ontonagon 906-885-5275

W14127 Sandtown Rd. Russ's Bait & Tackle 203 Elm St. Bergland 906-365-5505 6154 Gould City Rd. Settler's Cooperative

M-28 at US-45 Bruce Crossing 906-827-3515 Naubinway DNR Office **OSCODA**

> 191 S. Mount Tom Rd. 989-826-3211 ext. 7030 **OTSEGO**

Mio DNR Office³

DNR Gaylord **Operations Service** 1732 West M-32 989-732-3541

> **PRESQUE ISLE** Adrian's Sport Shop 335 N. Bradley Hwy. Rogers City 989-734-2303

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DNR Roscommon Operations Service Center* 8717 N. Roscommon Rd. Roscommon 989-275-5151

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906-573-2655 Norden's General Store 4244 N. State Hwy M-94 Manistique, Michigan

49854 906-341-4424 WAYNE Rockwood DNR Office

Pte. Mouillee SGA

Rockwood 734-379-9692 **WEXFORD** DNR Cadilla **Operations Service**

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Schafer's Bait and Sporting Goods 2722 Sunnyside Dr. Junct. M-55 & M-115 231-775-7085

Preference Point System

Bear licenses are issued to hunters through a preference point system that began in 2000. In the license drawing, applicants with the greatest number of points in each hunt, earned in previous drawings, are issued licenses first. Those who are not selected receive a point for future drawings. Upon selection for a license, an applicant's preference points will return to zero, including successful applicants who choose not to purchase their license. Points are also reset to zero for applicants who do not apply for three consecutive years.

Preference points are tracked by the customer ID. If applicants use a different ID to apply than they used in previous years (or use an incorrect ID), their previous points will not be considered in the drawing. If there is a change in ID, applicants must call 517-373-1263 before the application deadline to ensure that their points are combined under their current ID.

Bear drawing success rates vary by bear management unit and hunt date. An applicant with no preference points may be drawn for a hunt that is in low demand, while a unit in higher demand may require five or more points to draw a tag. Each year, applicants may apply for any hunt they choose, and their total preference points will be considered in each drawing.

Applicants may apply for a harvest tag or apply for a preference point only, banking the point for future drawings. Applicants must be of legal age to hunt in this year's bear hunting season to be eligible to apply for a preference point (Hunt No. 00). Only one point will be awarded in a given year.

Those who fail to apply or are ineligible to apply for a license for three consecutive years will lose their points.

Check your preference points at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Applying With a Party

- · Applicants who wish to hunt together should apply as a party, with a maximum of four persons per party. This is especially important for apprentice hunters.
- One of the partners must purchase a new application for a particular hunt number, and will receive a party ID number. Remaining partners must provide this party ID number when applying and should verify the party ID number is correct on their receipt.
- You must use a new party ID number each year.
- The party's preference point total will equal that of the partner with the fewest number of points.
- If any partner is a nonresident, the entire party is considered nonresident. No more than two percent of licenses in any unit will be issued to nonresidents.
- All partners will receive a license if the party is selected, except for those who submit an

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Apply for both bear and Pure Michigan Hunt licenses today! www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt



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Department of Natural Resources

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> Report All Poaching: 800-292-7800 The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga 427 US-41 North Baraga, MI 49908 (906) 353-6651 Bay City 3580 State Park Drive Bay City, MI 48706 (989) 684-9141 Cadillac 8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac, MI 49601 (231) 775-9727

Gaylord

1732 W. M-32

(989) 732-3541

Gaylord, MI 49735

Marquette 1990 US-41 South Marguette, MI 49855 (906) 228-6561

5100 M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 (906) 293-5131

Plainwell 621 N. 10th Street Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 685-6851

Roscommon 1-75 & M-18 South 8717 N. Roscommon Road Roscommon, MI 48653 (989) 275-5151

Rose Lake* East Lansing, MI 48823 (517) 641-4903 *This is a field office Southfield 26000 W. Eight Mile Road

Southfield, MI 48034

(248) 359-9040

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations. The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition



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Application Information

Locations

- · You may apply: - At any authorized license agent
- At DNR Operations Service Centers
- Online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings
- Requirements
- · You must meet all legal requirements to hunt in the current season to be eligible to apply for a license or preference point.
- Those who are hunter safety certified or apprentice hunters are eligible to apply for a license.
- It costs \$4 to apply, except for Comprehensive Lifetime License holders.
- To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:
- Valid Michigan driver license
- State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
- DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings) You must be at least 10 years old during the season for which you are applying. Youth 10 and 11 years old are restricted to archery or crossbow hunting, or the purchase of the no kill tag (NKT)

bear license. Youth must be 12 years old to hunt bear with a firearm on private land or 14 years old

to hunt bear with a firearm on public land. · Nonresidents are eligible to apply; however, no more than two percent of licenses in any unit will be issued to nonresidents.

Applicant Responsibilities

- You are responsible for submitting a valid application. Obtain a legible application receipt and verify all information that appears on the receipt, including your customer ID, party ID (if applicable) and application options
- Submit one application only. Individuals who apply more than once will be ineligible for the drawing. Applicants who apply in parties of more than four will be ineligible.
- Ensure that any application mistakes are corrected before the application deadline.
- For application assistance, call 517-373-1263.
- · Check your drawings results online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings. Successful Applicants • You may purchase your hunting license from any license agent or online at
- www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings. · All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable
- residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license. · Licenses may not be altered or transferred. However, successful applicants may transfer their drawing
- success to an unsuccessful youth applicant or any person with an advanced illness.

Drawing results will be posted at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings on June 27. You will not be notified by mail.

Apprentice Hunting License

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate may purchase an apprentice hunting license. An apprentice hunter may purchase this license for two license years before he or she must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents.

Apprentice hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 21 or older designated by their parent or guardian. This individual must possess a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and to stay within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact. Apprentice hunters 17 and older, when afield, must be accompanied by someone 21 or older, who possesses a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting.

2011 MICHIGAN BEAR HUNTING DIGEST

Application Period May 1-June 1,2011 Apply online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings



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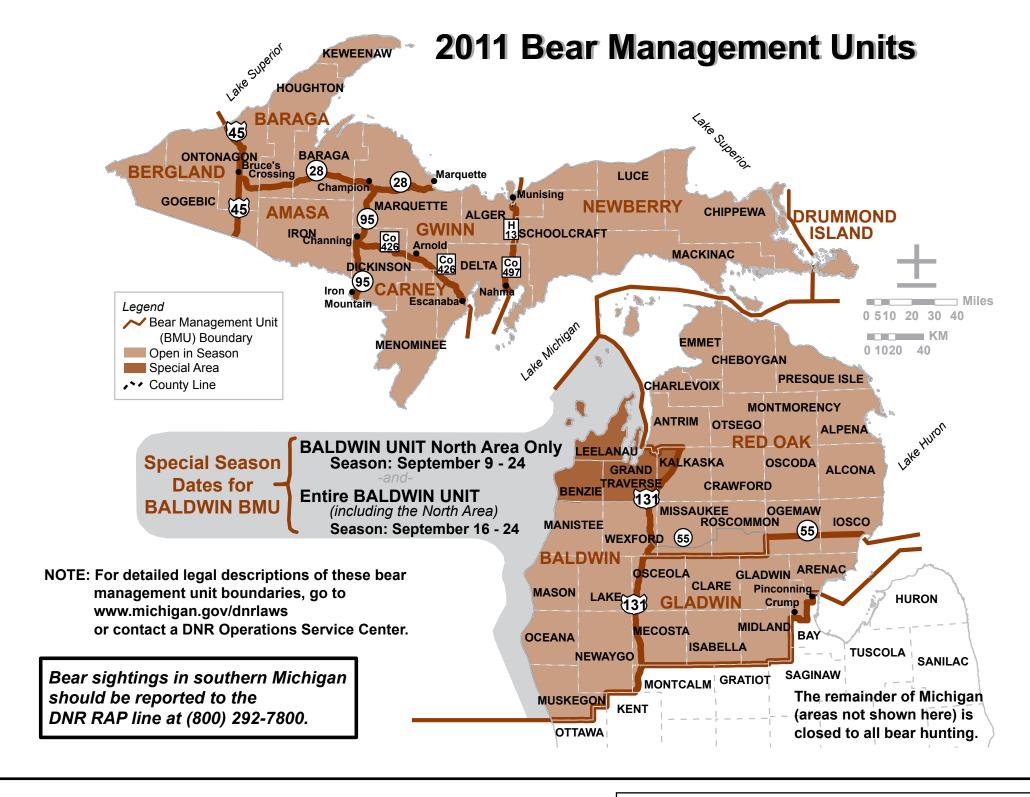
Important Changes

Important Reminders

Commercial hunting guides using state land must obtain written authorization from the DNR.

Check your application receipt for accuracy.

- Drawing results will be posted at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings on June 27.
- Mandatory registration of all bears is required within 72 hours of harvest.
- To view the 2011 bear patch go to www.michigan.gov/bear.



Bear Management Unit Information For drawing details see www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

		Applicants		Licenses Available			Bears Registered**		Preference Points Required
Mgt Unit	Hunt Period	2009	2010	2009	2010	2011*	2009	2010	in 2010***
Amasa	First	1,172	1,104	135	110	110	71	52	5
	Second	559	553	190	170	170	62	53	2
	Third	701	653	355	360	360	53	72	1
Baldwin	First	2,700	2,521	60	50	50	28	31	10
Baraga	First	2,094	1,894	380	390	390	117	139	4
	Second	1,197	1,186	690	630	630	133	102	1
	Third	1,147	1,113	1,270	1,275	1,275	118	137	0
Bergland	First	1,227	1,215	350	260	260	128	114	3
	Second	695	781	605	520	520	89	93	1
	Third	480	452	625	1,085	1,085	54	101	0
Carney	First	1,274	1,237	205	190	190	50	62	4
	Second	608	600	435	340	340	62	49	1
	Third	409	451	540	670	670	37	46	0
Drummond	First	229	171	3	2	2	3	2	10
Gladwin	First	921	978	150	140	140	19	13	4
Gwinn	First	1,670	1,615	250	295	295	75	90	4
	Second	836	897	360	400	400	77	80	1
	Third	791	811	860	1,040	1,040	74	84	0
Newberry	First	4,371	4,044	400	460	460	146	168	6
	Second	1,900	1,678	500	560	560	113	154	3
	Third	1,934	2,118	1,540	1,600	1,600	131	179	1
Red Oak	First	12,517	11,441	1,700	1,195	1,195	386	294	5
	Statewide	39,432	37,513	11,603	11,742	11,742	2,026	2,115	
F	Pref. Point Appl.	17,760	17,721						
	Total Applicants	57,194	55,234						

NOTES: $\ \ ^*$ 2011 licenses available (quota) is preliminary only, and may be adjusted prior to selection process.

Preliminary 2010 bear registration data.

*** All resident applicants who applied with this number of points or more were selected for a license in the 2010 bear drawing.

Mandatory Penalties for Certain Hunting Violations

\$50 to \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail.

methods of taking game	
Illegal taking/possession of	\$200 to \$1,000 fine and five to 90 days in jail, restitution of \$1500
deer, bear or wild turkey	for bear, \$1000 for deer/turkey, plus revocation of hunting licenses
	for remainder of year convicted, plus next three consecutive years.
Illegal use of artificial light with	\$100 to \$500 fine and/or five to 90 days in jail, plus revocation of huntin
bow and arrow or firearm	licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next consecutive year.
Carrying a firearm while under	\$500 fine and/or up to 93 days in jail.
the influence of alcohol or drugs	

within preceding five years

Multiple offender: two convictions

Violation of permits, season.

hag limits, shooting hours and

\$500 to \$2,000 fine and 10 to 180 days in jail,

Check your preference points at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings

Bear License Opportunity for Youth and Hunters with an Advanced Illness

Individuals who are successful in the bear license drawing may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant, or to a person with an advanced illness.*

Successful applicants who wish to transfer their drawing success must submit a transfer request form by August 1. Forms are available at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Youth hunters age 10-16 are eligible to receive a transfer if they were unsuccessful applicants in the current year's drawing. Individuals with an advanced illness are eligible to receive a transfer even if they did not apply.

Individuals with an advanced illness must complete the Physician Certification of Advanced Illness form to certify their eligibility for a transfer. The form is available at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

Successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to an eligible individual of their choosing, or may donate their hunt anonymously to individuals on the DNR transfer waiting list. A donated hunt will be processed only if an eligible recipient is available to accept the particular hunt that has been donated. Those interested in receiving a donated hunt must register online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings by July 10.

Preference points are reset to zero for all successful applicants, even if drawing success is transferred. Those receiving a transfer will retain their preference points.

It is unlawful to transfer drawing success for a fee, or transfer drawing success and then guide

*Advanced Illness is a medical condition that must be diagnosed and certified by a physician. Advanced Illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL 333.5653]. See

Commercial Hunting Guides on State Land

All commercial hunting guides using state-owned lands require department oversight. In 2011, all commercial hunting guides utilizing state-owned lands must receive written authorization. Guides are required to pay a fee for this authorization. Guides are also required to meet the conditions of the written authorization. These requirements include, but are not limited to, carrying general liability insurance. If you are a guide who utilizes state-owned lands, please visit the DNR web site at www.michigan.gov/statelandpermission or call the nearest DNR Operations Service Center for more detailed information.

Hunter Harassment

Hunters in Michigan have the right to enjoy their sport free from deliberate interference. Individuals whose hunting is being obstructed should promptly report the violation to a local conservation officer, the nearest DNR office or

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2011 Bear License Ouotas

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HUNT MANAGE- SEASON

NU	MBER MENT	UNIT	DATES	QUOTA:		
00	I do not want to be included in the license drawing this year, but I want a preference point for future use.					
01	Bergland	Sept. 10	0 - Oct. 21	260		
02		Sept. 1	5 - Oct. 26	520		
03		Sept. 2	5 - Oct. 26	1,085		
04	Baraga	Sept. 10	0 - Oct. 21	390		
05		Sept. 15	5 - Oct. 26	630		
06		Sept. 25	5 - Oct. 26	1,275		
07	Amasa	Sept. 10	0 - Oct. 21	110		
80		Sept. 1	5 - Oct. 26	170		
09		Sept. 25	5 - Oct. 26	360		
10 11	Carney		0 - Oct. 21 5 - Oct. 26	190 340		
12		Sept. 25	5 - Oct. 26	670		
13	Gwinn	Sept. 10	0 - Oct. 21	295		
14		Sept. 1	5 - Oct. 26	400		
15		Sept. 2	5 - Oct. 26	1,040		
16	Newberry	Sept. 10	0 - Oct. 21	460		
17		Sept. 15	5 - Oct. 26	560		
18		Sept. 25	5 - Oct. 26	1,600		
19	Drummond	Sept. 10	0 - Oct. 21	2		
20	Red Oak**	Oct. 7	6 - Sept. 24 - Oct. 13 (archer n and crossbow			
21	Baldwin	Sept. 16	6 - Sept. 24 (all)	50		
		Sept. 9	- Sept. 24 (north	area only)		
22	Gladwin	Sept. 16	6 - Sept. 24	140		

* Quotas may be adjusted prior to the selection

** Licenses issued for the Red Oak Bear Management Unit are valid for all Red Oak hunt periods.

How to Apply

- Look at the map. Choose a bear management unit in which to hunt. Choose a hunt number for the bear management unit and dates you wish to hunt. A second hunt choice is optional.
 - Complete the worksheet. Apply at a license agent, DNR Operations Service Center or online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.
- Check your receipt for accuracy. Retain receipt as proof of application. It is your responsibility to ensure application information is correct.

It is unlawful to purchase more than one bear license. If you are selected for a bear hunting license, make sure you are not sold the no kill tag (NKT) bear license by mistake.

Lower Peninsula Season Structure:

The first day of the Red Oak, Baldwin and Gladwin season (Sept. 16) is for baitonly hunting. The first day of the Baldwin North Area season (Sept. 9) is for baitonly hunting.

The last two days of the Red Oak, Baldwin and Gladwin firearm season (Sept. 23-24) are for bear hunting with dogs only

Application Worksheet

1. Your birth date?	/	
2. Customer ID number?	Michigan Driver License, State of Michigan ID Car or DNR Sportcard	rd,
3. Application item type?	180 Bear Application	\$4
	280 Comprehensive Lifetime Bear Application*	Free
4. Joining existing party?	No, if applying by yourself or if you are the first pers (go to item 5). Yes, if a member of your party alread application for 2011 (go to item 6).	
5. Hunt number?	First hunt choice - see 2011 Bear License of Enter hunt 00 for a preference point only Second hunt choice (optional)**	Quotas table above.
6. Party ID Number	Same number as printed on your party me	

Read your application receipt carefully. It is your responsibility to ensure the information was entered properly. Retain your receipt as proof of your application.

- * You must be a Comprehensive Lifetime Bear License holder to apply for this application type.
- ** A second hunt choice selection will be considered only if all first hunt choices have been awarded for the hunt period and licenses are still available. Those hunt periods having a high drawing success in the past, such as Bergland Hunt 03 and other late hunt periods in the U.P., are most likely to have licenses available for second choice hunts but it is possible no licenses will be available for second choice hunts.

Bear Licenses and Costs

		License Item Codes			
		Drawn Hunting	Leftover Hunting	NKT	
	Cost	License	License	License*	
Resident	\$15	181	281	185	
Senior (65)	\$6	182	282	186	
Nonresident	\$150	183	283	187	
Lifetime Comprehensive	Free	184	284	188	
APC Resident	\$15	626	681	630	
APC Senior (65)	\$6	627	682	631	
APC Nonresident	\$150	628	683	632	
APC Lifetime Comprehensive	Free	629	684	633	

Apprentice Licenses are listed as APC.

*A no kill tag (NKT) bear license is required by any individual in possession of a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow who accompanies a licensed bear hunter during the hunt and by the owner of any dog chasing or locating

Leftover Licenses

If any licenses remain after the drawing, one leftover license may be obtained on a first-come, first-served basis until the quota is met in each hunt period as follows:

- Beginning July 11 Available to Lifetime Comprehensive License holders only
- Beginning July 18 Available to unsuccessful bear drawing applicants • Beginning July 25 – Available to any hunter, including those who did not apply

There is no guarantee that leftover licenses will be available for any hunt unit. Preference points will be reset to zero for purchasers of a leftover bear license, except for Lifetime Comprehensive License holders. It is

unlawful to obtain more than one bear license. Remaining licenses may be viewed at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings.

General Rules

- I. A person shall not kill or attempt to kill a bear unless the person has an unused bear harvest license issued in his or her name for the bear management unit in which he or she is hunting. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- 2. You may not hunt bear with a firearm or crossbow during the archery-only bear season in the Red Oak Management Unit.
- 3. Upon killing a bear, the holder of a bear license shall immediately attach the kill tag provided with the bear hunting license to the lower jaw of the bear. The kill tag shall remain attached to the bear until the bear is sealed and registered at a designated bear registration station. The entire bear or head must be sealed within 72 hours
 - The carcass is processed or butchered for consumption by an individual for his or her use;
- · The carcass is accepted for processing and recorded by a commercial processor. If the head or hide is returned to the person submitting the animal to the commercial processor, the seal shall accompany the head
- · The carcass is accepted for processing and recorded by a licensed taxidermist. 4. It is unlawful to disturb a bear den or disturb, harm or molest a bear in its den.

of the kill. The seal shall remain attached to the bear until:

- 5. It is unlawful for any nonresident to assist and/or guide another person in any manner in the taking of bear for a fee, other consideration, or service of value, either directly or indirectly.
- 6. It is unlawful for those who transfer their drawing success to another person to assist and/or guide that person in any manner in the taking of bear for a fee, other consideration, or service of value, either directly or indirectly.
- 7. BAG LIMIT: Only one bear per calendar year.
- 8. It is unlawful to take a cub bear or a female bear accompanied by a cub bear.
- 9. Firearm bear hunters are required to wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible color, commonly referred to as "hunter orange," while hunting on any lands. The hunter orange garment must be the outermost garment and must be visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments must be 50 percent or more hunter orange. Crossbow and archery bear hunters are exempt from the hunter orange requirement.
- 10. It is legal to hunt bear from a raised platform or tree stand when using a firearm, bow or crossbow.
- 11. Crossbox hunters may use only arrows, bolts and quarrels with a broadhead hunting type of point not less than 7/8 inch wide with a minimum of 14 inches in length.
- 12. A free crossbow stamp, available from all license agents or online at www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings, is required for those using a crossbow to hunt, in addition to a valid hunting license.
- 13. Nonresidents must own and have either a concealed pistol license or a license to purchase, carry, or transport issued by their home state in their possession in order to legally carry or transport a handgun in Michigan.
- 14. When hunting or fishing, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license, and exhibit both upon demand of a Michigan conservation officer, a tribal conservation officer or any law
- 15. Bear hunters may use ground blinds on state lands in the bear management unit for which they are licensed. Blinds may be placed from August 10 (Upper Peninsula) or August 17 (Lower Peninsula) through five days after the close of the bear season, or if successful, five days after harvesting a bear. The name and address of the licensed bear hunter must be permanently affixed to the ground blind

From the start of the legal bear baiting period through the end of bear hunting season, bear hunters may use the

- · meat and meat products, including dog food,
- · fish and fish products, including cat food; and

and elk feeding and deer baiting regulations, including closed counties.

· bakery/confectionery products, including jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies and other cooked or commercially processed materials, including pie fillings and yogurts, used in bakery products.

From the start of the legal bear baiting period through the end of bear hunting season, bear hunters may use up to two gallons of grains per bait station, provided the bait is made inaccessible to deer and elk. It is illegal to use grains in counties closed to deer and elk feeding and deer baiting (currently entire Lower Peninsula).

All other materials, including fruits, vegetables, salt and minerals, may be used in limited quantities, starting October 1, except in those counties closed to deer and elk feeding and deer baiting (currently entire Lower Peninsula). Bear hunters

using grains, fruits, vegetables, salt and minerals, beginning October I, must comply with all other deer and elk feeding and deer baiting regulations for the area and time in which they are baiting bear. Hunters should consult the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest, which is available each year in early August, for deer

- 1. For the purpose of these rules, a bait station is a site where food or lure that attracts bear is placed.
- 2. It is unlawful to establish a bait station that attracts bear prior to August 10 in Bergland, Baraga, Amasa, Drummond, Carney, Gwinn and Newberry management units or prior to August 9 in the Baldwin north area and August 16 in the Baldwin, Gladwin and Red Oak management units. It also is illegal to tend or establish a bait station for the purpose of attracting bear after September 24 in the Baldwin and Gladwin units, after October 13 in the Red Oak Unit and after October 26 in the Upper Peninsula.
- 3. It is unlawful to hunt over a bait that attracts bear that was established prior to August 10 in Bergland, Baraga, Amasa, Carney, Gwinn, Newberry and Drummond management units, or prior to August 9 in the Baldwin north area and August 16 in the Baldwin, Gladwin and Red Oak management units. On public and commercial forest lands, illegal baits also include those that are not placed on the ground, or contain plastic, any wood products, paper, glass, metal or concrete, or have within 100 yards of the bait site any containers used to transport bait to the baiting site. Bear hunting without the aid of dogs is prohibited on September 23rd and 24th in the Baldwin, Gladwin and Red Oak management units.
- 4. It is unlawful to use metal containers, plastic, wood, concrete, glass, fabric, cloth or paper at a bait station on public lands or commercial forest lands. Dead and downed trees may be used. It also is illegal to use a tire at a bait station on public or commercial forest lands. It is unlawful to place bait other than on the ground at bait stations on public or commercial forest lands
- Any containers used to transport bait to bait stations on public lands and commercial forest lands must be removed and disposed of properly. (Also see Commercial Forest Lands on the other side.)
- 6. It is unlawful for any licensed bear hunter or his or her designee to establish or tend more than three bait stations
- 7. It is unlawful for any person to establish or tend more than a total of 12 bait stations.

Dog Rules

- 1. For the purpose of hunting bear, no more than six dogs shall be run as a pack. Relaying of packs is prohibited. It is not unlawful to replace individual dogs, provided six or fewer dogs are used at one time. All dogs must be immunized and licensed and must have a license or other form of identification affixed to their collars.
- 2. Nonresidents must have in their possession a special permit to use dogs while hunting bear. No more than 10 dogs may be registered on one permit. The free permits are available by calling 517-373-9329.
- 3. It is unlawful to train dogs or hunt bear with dogs September 5-14 in the Upper Peninsula, September 4-9 in the Baldwin north area and September 11-16 in the rest of the Lower Peninsula. It also is unlawful to chase bears with dogs during the October 7-13 archery-only season in the Red Oak Bear Management Unit.
- 4. Those 10 years or older pursuing bear with dogs during an open season shall have in their possession either a valid Michigan bear hunting license or a no kill tag license if in possession of a firearm, crossbow or bow and
- 5. For purposes of training, no more than eight dogs may be used to chase bear during a single day.

arrow or if the owner of any dog used for chasing or locating bear during the hunt.

- 6. It is unlawful to train a dog on a captive, tethered or caged bear.
- 7. Nonresidents shall not chase bear with dogs outside the open season.
- 8. Outside the open bear hunting season, nonresidents may train dogs on bear only on special dog training areas or
- when participating in an authorized field trial. 9. For purposes of training or hunting bear, dogs shall not be allowed to begin chasing bear from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- 10. It is unlawful to train dogs on bear or other wild animals from April 16–July 7.
- 11. It is unlawful to train dogs on bear or hunt bear in the Gladwin Field Trial Area.